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## Romulus Goodfellows Doing Good Deeds for the Holidays



Friday, December 2, was a busy day for the Romulus Goodfellows, as they began their annual two-day newspaper sale to raise money for their holiday projects. Romulus firemen and other volunteers stood at major intersections throughout the City, asking passersby to give generously as they purchased a special Goodfellows edition of *The Romulus Roman*. The drive raised more than \$6,000.

Friday, December 2, was also set aside for volunteers to begin sorting through the \$5,000 worth of new toys that the City's own "Secret Santa" donated to the organization. Although Santa's identity remains a mystery, his dedicated support of the Goodfellows program for the past three years has been one of the main factors in its outstanding success.

Ready to begin the day's tasks were (standing, from left) Dan Kish, the late Henry Barnes, Romulus Fire Chief William Greenslait, and Police/Fire Safety Commissioner Fred Anderson; (front, from left) John Thiede and Larry Baxter. (photo: D. Paul Nelson) □

## DNR Hosts Informational Meeting on Contaminated Dump Site

*Editor's note: Thanks to Margaret Leduc, director of the City of Romulus Department of Emergency Management, for contributing the following information.*

On Tuesday, November 13, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources hosted a public meeting to discuss a contaminated dump site located north of Wick Road just northeast of the Wick Elementary School building in Romulus.

At the meeting, the approximately 50 citizens in attendance learned that the 100-acre site, once known as the Satterlee Dump, has been classified as contaminated according to criteria outlined in Michigan's Environmental Response Act (MERA), Act 307 of 1982, as amended, and is therefore currently under investigation to determine the extent of the contamination that has occurred to date, and what cleanup measures will be used to address the problem.

Originally a landfill which accepted general domestic and commercial wastes beginning in the mid 1950s, the Wick site was closed in 1975 when it was discovered that excavations had been made below the water table, waste materials had been deposited in contact with groundwater, and leachate was leaking into nearby ditches.

In 1987, when the United States Environmental Protection Agency conducted an environmental assessment of the dump, more than 360 badly deteriorated 55-gallon drums – which appeared to have once contained metal shavings, powdery substances, and paint-like waste material – were observed. The Department of Natural Resources sampled and analyzed the contents of those drums in the spring of 1988 and, in 1989 and 1990, the drums were removed from the site and properly disposed of.

Investigations conducted at the site in 1990 indicated that contamination

existed in the shallow groundwater, perimeter surface water (water in ditches that border portions of the site), and surface-water sediments. During the study, which included an investigation to determine the boundaries of the landfill, numerous drums were discovered on the west-central portion of the site. The contents of these drums are being investigated for proper removal from the site.

Among the most important of the meeting's accomplishments was an agreement that no work would be conducted at the contaminated site when nearby schools are in session. It was also established that Wayne County will begin testing drinking-water wells in the area near the dump site to determine whether or not the drinking water is contaminated.

Periodically updated reports detailing the environmental investigation at the contaminated site will be available for public review at both the Romulus

City Clerk's office (942-7540) and the Romulus Public Library (941-7369).

Questions also may be directed to the following people:

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### Fire Victims Grateful for Overwhelming Support

On November 22, 1994, my boyfriend and I arrived home only to find Romulus Fire Department trucks in our front yard.

The destruction that a fire causes is devastating – not only on your property but also in your personal life. Yes, our couch and TV and stereo are gone. Those items can be replaced. But fire also takes a part of your security. It makes you realize that what you thought happens only to other people can really happen to you. Anywhere. Anytime.

It is at times like this when we turn to our family and friends for support. Jimmy and I would like to thank the following people, along with everyone else who has thought of us and helped out the best way they could. Their generosity and thoughtfulness has been a blessing. Words can never really tell them how much we appreciate every-

thing, but please know that we do. Thanks for Caring.

"Thank you" to: the person who drove by our apartment and stopped to report the fire; the Romulus Fire Department; "Bubba" Wegoinka; my co-workers at the Romulus DPW; everyone at City Hall; the Romulus Rotary; Romulus Police Officer Ken Landstrom; Paul Davis; The Fredrick Brothers; The Sanders; Scottie and Beth Powers; Romulus bowling leagues (Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Sundays); Jody and Michael Stockdale, our landlords; Mrs. Holt-schlag (for the box of food); Mr. and Mrs. Rick Boone of Willis, Michigan; Rick Boone and Jenny Gosner of Lansing, Michigan; Jerry Stewag, owner of Lucille's Lounge in Canton, and all our friends there; "The Girls" – Rose DeVITA, Shari Hein, Dawn Cotham, and Dawn Sapp; Billy Iacovicci (your help and time given us was and is a godsend); my and Jimmy's family – Danny, Bonnie, and Kenny Hood, and Jim, Brandie, and Rhonda Bright; Robert and Richard Taylor and Bart DeVITA (thanks for taking care of our truck); the Romulus Fire Department Goodfellows; and everyone who has thought of us and helped.

Jimmy Bright and Kathy Hood ☐

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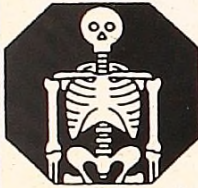
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**Local Commentary****Financial Mismanagement at City Hall**

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Romulus elected officials were recently presented with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1994. In addition to the Financial Report, City Council was provided the results of an audit of the same period by Doyle, Litt, Kuras and Co., P.C., of Troy, Michigan. The audit highlighted areas where current procedures were determined to be inadequate and made specific recommendations on how those procedures could be improved. The audit went on to detail a loss on the sale of investments made by the City Treasurer in "U.S. Government stripped bonds and other derivative instruments that have fluctuated in value" - the net result of which has been a loss, to date, of \$51,400.

In addition to the loss recorded above, it was noted by the auditors that the cost of remaining derivative investments exceed their June 30, 1994 market value by \$850,785. The Treasurer has stated that the initial sale resulted from a need to help the City's cash flow. Whether the City will be forced to sell more bonds or other investments at a comparable loss remains to be seen.

The bulk of the auditor's recommendations involved improvements in the handling of cash deposits from various City departments to the Treasury Department. Included were transactions involving the Police, Recreation Department, and Animal Shelter. In a section dealing with the Police Department, it was suggested that an unused column in the "Bonds Log Book," entitled "Treasurers Receipt," be used to log the receipt from the Treasurer or Court. It was also noted that cash receipts were used for petty cash and recommended that "cash receipts not be used as petty cash advances."

At the time of the audit, the Recreation Department did not maintain a summary of cash receipts and deposits. In addition to a daily summary of cash receipts, deposits, amount not deposited, and balance on hand, the auditors recommended that an "analysis of the balance on hand should be maintained at least at the end of each month."

According to the auditor's report, the Animal Shelter collects relatively small amounts of cash. In the past, cash received by the Shelter for fees (impoundment and adoption) was deposited with the Treasurer once a month. The report recommended that cash be deposited daily and that the feasibility of transferring collections to the Treasurer's office be discussed.

Running throughout the auditor's report was a concern over the voiding of cash receipts from cash registers or receipt books. It was recommended that cash register voids be reviewed by either supervisors or department heads with clear explanations noted. In the case of the Animal Shelter, it was recommended that "all copies of voided receipts be marked void and kept in the receipts book."

During the course of fiscal year 1994, the auditor identified several instances where expenditures exceeded appropriations, which is "in violation of the provisions of P.A. 2 of 1968 (The Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act) as amended." These expenditures involved the Community Development Block Grant Fund and Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) Districts I, II, and III. The Block Grant transfer involved a recapture of 1989 and 1990 grant money by Wayne County. The excess TIFA expenditures resulted from: timing differences resulting from audit adjustments; settling of the lawsuit with the School District; and the Royce Hotel bankruptcy and the reduced amount of taxes receivable.

The status of Prior Period Recommendations was also described. The General Tax Fund contains a balance in undistributed taxes which dates back a number of years and the Auditor recommends: "The Treasurer's department should determine what is included in the undistributed balance and take action to distribute taxes which remain in the account." The audit goes on to state that, "It has been discovered that for an unknown period of time penalty and interest received on delinquent taxes has been recorded as a reduction of the receivable balance rather than as income. . . . This has the effect of understating the receivable balance, but the amount of the understatement that has occurred cannot be calculated or reasonably estimated. . . . The Treasurer's office should add the delinquent personal property tax rolls and the Finance Department should adjust the records to reflect the actual receivable balance calculated by the Treasurer's Office."

Dorothy Nesler, Romulus □



## Cagers' 2-for-3 Start Promises Good Things to Come

By Talia Tripp

The winter sports season is under-way, and the Romulus High School boys' varsity basketball team is putting on an excellent show so far.

In their season debut at Adrian, the Eagles duked it out with the Maples all the way into overtime. Although they played hard, foul trouble and missed free-throw shots set the Eagles back, and the game ended with a final score of 87-79, Adrian on top.

In their second and third games, however, Romulus reigned victorious, refusing to let the initial loss set the tone for the season.

At Taylor Truman on Friday night, the Eagles' offense soared over the Cougars, setting the stage for a Romulus victory, 91-49. "I guess the pressure got to them," commented Romulus head coach Guy DelGiudice.

On Saturday, Romulus played a competitive game at Ypsi-Lincoln. Although the home team led by two going into the half, the Eagles came back with awesome defense, giving up only 16 points during the entire second half. The final score was 76-52, Romulus.

DelGiudice, who admitted that the rest of the season will be tough, looks especially to Inkster and Grosse Ile to pose challenging games, but added, "That's just the way we like it!"

DelGiudice explained that, as a coach, one of his major concerns is keeping his players motivated. Team members can often become fatigued by mid-season, and that creates a serious problem.

In addition, Del Guidice said that he is working on the "little things" with his players. Diving for loose balls, rebounding, and avoiding fouls are as important as putting the ball through the hoop.

Actually, offense is one phase of the game that DelGiudice believes the Eagles have pretty well covered. He believes that the team's biggest problem is preventing its opponents from scoring. "We're working on defensive positioning and blocking out rebounds," he said.

Romulus Schools Athletic Director Jesse Meriweather agreed that defense is the Eagles' weak point. "Offense is a natural flow," said Meriweather. "You get the ball and take it down the court. Defense is all mental and anticipation."

Heading into a challenging schedule with a 2-1 record so far this season, Coach DelGiudice said that he is confident in his team, but added that the young men need more support. "The kids deserve that for working so hard for the school," he stated. "But if they want recognition, they'll have to earn it. If they're successful, the crowd will come."

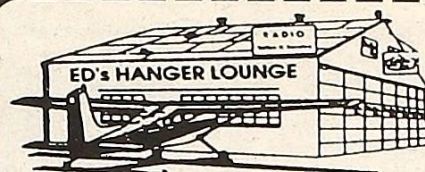
The Eagles will return from their road games to perform at home for the first time on Saturday, December 17, to host a two-day Christmas Tournament (with the second day of play set for Monday, December 19; games are scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m. both days). DelGiudice said that he and his players hope for a supportive turnout.

"This is a good bunch of kids and they work pretty hard," he proudly proclaimed. "I'm looking for big things." □

### Romulus High School 1994-1995 Varsity Boys' Basketball Roster

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12	Gerald Luster	G	5'11"	150 lbs.	12
14	Mike Bell	G/F	6'1"	167 lbs.	12
20	Jamal McCain	G/F	6'2"	162 lbs.	12
22	Jamal Bailey	G	6'0"	165 lbs.	11
24	Roy Chambers	G	5'10"	163 lbs.	11
30	Nick Locklear	G/F	6'0"	155 lbs.	11
32	Patrick Thomason	F	6'2"	162 lbs.	11
34	Larry Jackson	F	6'1"	165 lbs.	11
40	Antoine Stoudmire	C/F	6'3"	192 lbs.	12
42	Matt Page	C/F	6'2"	183 lbs.	12
44	Tyrone Jones	C/F	6'2"	250 lbs.	12

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## Christmas Tree Is Bedecked with Customs and History

Of all Christmas customs, perhaps the most universally treasured is the Christmas tree. Brightly decorated with shimmering lights and glittering ornaments, the tree is as likely to reflect the traditions of each individual family as it is those of the world at large.

From the exciting moment when the tree is erected, usually some days in advance of Christmas Eve, it commands a position of central importance during all holiday festivities – so much so, in fact, that it is difficult to believe that, a scant 200 years ago, the custom of trimming a tree at Christmastide was not widely observed outside Germany.

One legend credits Martin Luther, the sixteenth-century theologian, with having set up the very first Christmas tree. According to this legend, Luther conceived of a tree alight with countless candles as a way of representing to his children the glory of the starlit Heaven.

However, historical sources indicate that the first Christmas tree can be traced to the early seventeenth century, when fir trees – decorated with colored paper, gold foil, apples, toys, and candies – were reported in the German city of Stasburg.

What are the antique origins of the Christmas tree? Historians point to a multitude of sources, among them the Roman custom of decking residences with evergreens during the festival of the Kalends, which occurred in the early part of January.

Parallels between the Roman observation of Kalends and the festivities traditional at Christmas are many and include those of decorating the home with lights, extending lavish hospitality

to friends and family, and extravagant gift-giving.

Many early Christian beliefs stand behind the tradition of trimming a tree at Christmas. For instance, it was customary for people to bring flowering trees, such as hawthorn or cherry, indoors during the autumn, so that they might bloom and bring forth fruit on Christmas Eve.

This tradition may derive from the belief that St. Joseph of Arimathea, settling at Glastonbury in western England, planted his staff in the earth, whereupon it became a thorn tree and sprouted leaves. Furthermore, it miraculously blossomed.

December 24th, according to the old Church calendar, was the Feast of Adam and Eve, on which day it was traditional to hang a fir tree with red apples. This Paradise Tree, as it was called, is certainly a forerunner of the Christmas tree as we know it.

There are some very pretty stories associated with both pine and fir trees, among the most popular choices for Christmas trees. According to one legend, the pine tree provided a hiding place for the Holy Family when they were fleeing from the soldiers of Herod.

The fir tree, according to another legend, boasted both flowers and fruits until Eve discovered the tree and plucked its treasures. From that time on, the legend continues, only needles grew on the fir tree until, on the evening of Nativity, it suddenly blossomed once again.

Today, centuries later, the Christmas spirit is still represented in the timeless manifestation of the ever-beautiful, ever-enchanted Christmas tree. □

## Santa's Whirlwind Arrival Delights Young and Old



Santa's official arrival in the City of Romulus came on Friday, December 2, when he was delivered by helicopter in time to officiate at the City's annual tree-lighting ceremony, held at Romulus Historic Park. Later, Santa joined his young friends for refreshments and to hear their Christmas wishes at Wick Elementary School. (photo: D. Paul Nelson)

## Protect Your Family from Holiday Fire Hazards

Christmas decorations are beautiful, but many can pose a real fire hazard. With proper planning, however, and a willingness to follow safety measures, you can help assure that your family's holiday will be a safe and happy one.

Families can develop an emergency life-saving plan and prevent critical fire situations by following a few simple guidelines, according to AAA Michigan Community Safety Services Manager Jerry Basch.

"For a few dollars and a little family planning time, a family can prepare for fire emergencies," reports Basch. "Smoke detectors and home fire-safety drills are keys for a quick home-emergency exit. Family members may only have three minutes to get out safely before being overcome by smoke and gases."

According to the Department of State Police, Fire Marshal Division, 55,622 fires were reported in Michigan during 1993. More than 230 people died as a result of these fires and 755 were injured. Property losses for the year totaled \$338 million.

Although the number of fires in Michigan has been steadily decreasing since 1988 (from 72,958 in 1988 to 55,622 in 1993), the number of lives lost has not. In 1993, say State officials, 233 civilian deaths were reported, 13 more than in 1988 and 15 more than in 1992.

The irony of the fire-safety issue in Michigan is that the one age group most affected by fire – children – is least able to prevent it from happening.

Last year, 71 children under 10 perished in Michigan fires, accounting for 30.5 percent of all civilian fire deaths, a 10 percent decrease from 1992.

In 1993, more than 30,000 students at 150 Statewide elementary school programs benefited from AAA Michigan's fire-safety programs. AAA expects to instruct a similar number of students this year.

To help educate the public on fire safety, AAA Michigan offers "Planning for Home Fire Emergencies" brochures at full-service offices Statewide. The free brochures discuss smoke detectors, home-exit fire drills, and other such safety tips. □

## Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club Busy with Holiday Season Projects

By Mae Jackson

There's a spirit of optimism in the air in the Wayne/Romulus communities because the Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club has been very busy this fall with community service projects.

During the month of October, Optimist members, students from Romulus High School, and volunteers did a Fall Clean-up that included raking and bagging leaves for senior citizens in the Romulus area. The seniors welcomed the enthusiastic and energetic group of volunteers. After the clean-up, everyone was served doughnuts and apple cider.

Optimist members were coordinators of two youth activities including a bus-lift of 60 youth to the His-

torical Black College Fair in Ann Arbor and a youth Education/Spiritual Shut-in in at the New Hope Baptist Church in Wayne.

Thanksgiving was a time of sharing for the Optimist Club. A needy family of Romulus was selected and given a Thanksgiving basket with turkey, all the trimmings, and additional groceries.

For the holiday season, Optimist Club members are busy completing a big Christmas project that will affect youth in the community.

If anyone is interested in becoming a member, please write to the Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club, P.O. Box 684, Wayne, MI 48186. Share your time and talents with us and together we can work for a better world for our youth. □





# YULETIDE GREETINGS!

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## "Twelfth Night" Cake

Early "Twelfth Night" cakes were baked with a bean in one side, a pea in the other, and a number of cloves throughout (documented to a party at Whitehall, 1613). The host or hostess cut the cake into equal slices for the guest, with men receiving slices from one side and women from the other. The man who found the bean became King of the Feast; the woman who found the pea became the Queen; and those who found the cloves were Courtiers.

The King of the Feast could order

his subjects to play his favorite game, dance, sing, recite poems, play charades, or anything else! In some circles, the King would have to host the party the next year and the Queen would have to make the next year's cake.

According to one custom, the youngest child present distributed the pieces. Among the French Creoles, a napkin would be placed over the cake while it was being cut and served so that if the bean was exposed, no one would see it.

1 pound butter  
2 cups light brown sugar, packed  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
2 pounds seedless raisins  
1/4 cup almonds, blanched and chopped or cut into strips

9 eggs, separated  
3 1/4 cups flour  
2 teaspoons mace  
2 teaspoons cinnamon  
3 pounds currants  
1/2 cup citron  
1/2 cup candied peel, cut into strips

*In a large bowl, cream the butter and 1 cup of the sugar until light. In a separate bowl, beat the egg yolks until thick and lemon-colored, and add them to the butter-sugar mixture. In another bowl, beat the egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold in a second cup of light brown sugar and add this to the first mixture. In a bowl, sift the flour, mace, cinnamon, and baking soda; stir in the currants, raisins, and almonds. Add the flour-and-fruit mixture to the egg-butter-sugar mixture. Combine the citron and candied peel and set aside.*

*Line two 12-inch round pans with waxed paper, buttered on both sides. Fill each pan 2/3 full, adding layers of citron and candied peel. Cover loosely with buttered paper and tie into place. Steam the cake for three hours and then bake it 1 1/2 hours in a slow oven (300 degrees) or bake it for 4 hours at 275 degrees without steaming. The cake is done when it is firm to the touch and a wire cake tester comes out clean and dry. Run a knife around the inside of the pan and remove the cake when nearly cool. Frost with a thin, white icing and decorate with figures of birds, animals, and flowers. □*

## Nonalcoholic Drink Guide Now Available Through AAA

Alcohol doesn't have to be an ingredient for a successful holiday party, according to AAA Michigan, whose "Great Pretenders Party Guide" of terrific nonalcoholic drink recipes is available free at AAA Michigan branch offices Statewide.

"The party guide is for anyone planning a holiday get-together, to encourage hosts to serve alcohol-free alternatives and help reduce drinking-related injuries and deaths on State roads," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "During last year's Christmas and New Year's holiday period, 27 persons were killed in 26 traffic crashes Statewide. Eight of those victims lost their lives in alcohol-related crashes."

The Auto Club's 14th annual "Great Pretenders Party Guide" has a Hollywood theme and features 15 drink recipes by Michigan residents who were selected as finalists in three regional "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" contests held in

October. Finalist drinks were selected based on taste, appearance, and adherence to the contest's silver-screen theme.

The booklet, also distributed through traffic safety organizations, contains favorite alcohol-free drinks of some Michigan-based celebrities, including vocalist Anita Baker, former Red Wings hockey great Gordie Howe, and others.

Both the guide and contests are part of AAA Michigan's "First A Friend, Then A Host" holiday alcohol-awareness campaign. □

The term "Xmas" is not an attempt to take Christ out of Christmas. Actually, it is merely an abbreviation of the word itself. The X in Xmas is the Greek letter Chi, the first letter of Christ's name when written in that language. This simple abbreviation dates back to about the twelfth century. □

## The Legend of the First Christmas Tree

One clear, cold Christmas Eve, a man walked through the snow toward his home. As he looked up through the branches of the evergreens along the way, he saw hundreds of stars twinkling like silver jewels. He was enthralled and wished he might share this beauty with his small daughter, who was an invalid. He hurried home to fetch his axe and returned to find a beautiful evergreen

with full branches. He chose the loveliest of all and took the tree into his home.

On its branches he placed lighted candles so that his daughter would know something of the beauty of the stars shining through the branches of the trees. It was almost as if the light of heaven was within their small home. Today, the twinkling lights on our tree remind us of the light from heaven above.

## "Birdie Tree" Adds Color, Gives Animals Tasty Treats



You can add holiday cheer to your yard by decorating a tree with "ornaments" that are both attractive and practical because they'll provide tasty treats for the birds, squirrels, and other small animals who live in your neighborhood.

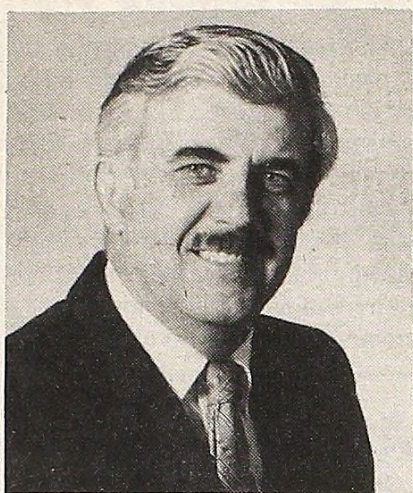
Here are some ideas to try on your own "Birdie Tree":

- small, powdered-sugar coated donuts – attach to tree branches with peanut butter;
- strings of popcorn;
- suet and seed balls wrapped in netting (preparation: put suet through meat grinder, melt in double boiler, then cool until hardened slightly; reheat and pour over dry ingredients such as bird seed, peanut pieces, raisins, crushed

dog biscuits, Grape Nuts cereal; when cool, but still soft, form into balls and wrap in netting;

- orange halves filled with peanuts, raisins, Grape Nuts, and sunflower seeds;
- small foil cups covered with ribbon and filled with peanuts, raisins, Grape Nuts, sunflower seeds;
- pinecones rolled in melted suet, then birdseed;
- pinecones spread with a mixture of peanut butter mixed with cornmeal or breadcrumbs (birds cannot swallow plain peanut butter), then roll in bird seed;
- string peanuts in their shells and cranberries onto a thin wire. Shape into a wreath, tie ribbon at top or bottom. □





## SEASON'S GREETINGS

May joy, prosperity, peace, and good will visit your home this holiday season.

**WILLIAM WADSWORTH**  
Romulus City Councilman

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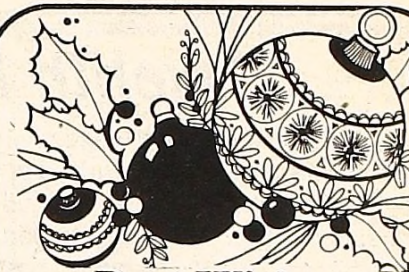


## Happy Holidays

Representative  
**Greg Pitoniak**

Thanks for your support!

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT GREGORY PITONIAK



## Best Wishes for the Holiday Season

**JAMES NAPIORKOWSKI**  
Treasurer, City of Romulus

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT JAMES NAPIORKOWSKI



## Wishing You Joy Every Step of the Way

*A very, merry Christmas and many thanks. We really appreciate your support.*

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## Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas

Thanks to all our friends and neighbors for your wonderful loyalty and support.

May you and your loved ones enjoy the holiday wonders you so richly deserve.

**K. SATA, D.D.S.**  
10000 S. Wayne Road  
942-0560



## Happy Holidays

A basketful of joy to all of our friends, along with our heartfelt thanks!

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## GOD BLESS ALL LIVING CREATURES at CHRISTMASTIME

*Our best wishes are with you and yours as we celebrate the Miracle of His birth.*

*May your spirits be lifted by the beauty of the season, just as ours have been by the privilege of knowing good people like you.*

*Happy Holidays and many thanks.*

*The Romulus News Staff*  
Evelyn, Kristi, Mary, and Lisa








## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May our sincere holiday wishes ring true for you now and throughout the year. We greatly appreciate your business and your support. Hope your holiday is a bell-ringer!

Sincerely,  
Lindsey

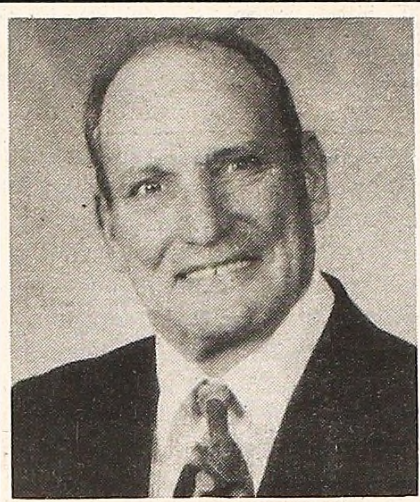
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## All the Best to You On Christmas

Here's hoping your holiday is stuffed with the gifts of family, friends, and good fortune. I appreciate the support you have given me throughout the year and look forward to continuing to serve you in the future. Happy Holiday!

**ELLIS PENNINGTON**  
Romulus City Councilman



PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT ELLIS PENNINGTON



## Merry, Merry Christmas!

From all of us, go our deepest thanks to you for being such good customers and friends!


Ron Brugger & Staff  
**ROMULUS AUTO SUPPLY**  
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# HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Wishing our friends and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

**ROMULUS LANES**  
Recreation Center  
Huron River Drive at Five Points  
Romulus, Michigan  
941-1640



## Santa's Coming!

And along with a sleigh full of goodies, he's bringing you my warmest Holiday Wishes and Thanks for your support.

**NOAH "PETE" BERGERON**  
Romulus City Councilman

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT NOAH "PETE" BERGERON


## Have a Sugar-Sweet Christmas

It has been a pleasure serving you.



**Linda Choate**  
Romulus City Clerk

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT LINDA CHOATE



## Wishing you a world of good cheer this season.


To all those whose friendship we value so much, go our season's greetings and appreciation for your loyal support.

**CAPTAIN NEMO'S**  
12033 Huron River Drive  
at Five Points in Romulus  
**941-6000**

Remember Captain Nemo's gift certificates for those holiday stockings!

*Here's to a Shining Season!  
My brightest holiday wishes  
to all my good neighbors.  
Your friendship  
lights up my life.  
Merry Christmas!*

**Mary Ann Banks**  
Mayor Pro Tem



PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT MARY ANN BANKS

## A Very Merry Season To You!

Here's hoping Santa delivers everything on your "Most Wanted" list . . . and more!




**RANDY GEAR**  
Romulus City Councilman

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT RANDY GEAR

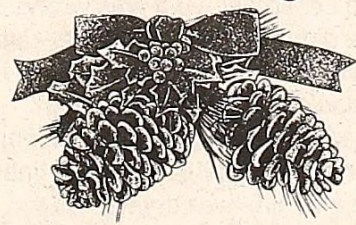


Good Wishes All Season Long. Enjoy the spirit and warmth of Christmas, and please accept our profound gratitude for your support this year.

**Everingham Clinic**  
12100 Huron River Drive  
941-1070




## Season's Greetings



It's a privilege and a pleasure to serve you.

**JIMMIE C. RASPBERRY**  
Romulus City Councilman

PAID FOR BY THE COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT JIMMIE C. RASPBERRY



## Yuletide Wishes

Here's hoping your holiday is filled with an abundance of blessings. Many thanks for bestowing your friendship upon us!

**MURRAY A. DUNCAN, JR.**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
10000 South Wayne Road  
Romulus • 941-5025



# The Man with the Cane

by David A. Atkins

(Editor's note: At the request of many of our long-time readers, we are reprinting the following holiday story, which was written by the former founder, editor, and publisher of "the little paper," Dave Atkins, and which last appeared in our December 13, 1989 issue.)

As I walked along the brightly lit sidewalk, I stopped from time to time to peer into the store windows with their bright and pretty Christmas displays, and listened to the Christmas music coming from somewhere down the street. As the snow filtered through the air like silver flakes falling from somewhere above, I noticed an old man walking toward me with a cane in his right hand, helping to steady his body and relieve some of the pain in his old and tender bones.

He was just another old man, shabbily dressed, although not really a bum; just an old man who looked like he didn't have too much left from his life of hard work.

A woman with a couple of little kids went hurrying by me, talking about getting home for dinner and what all they wanted for Christmas this year. I didn't pay much attention to what else was going on around me, except that the snow was falling harder now and the traffic was getting heavier—horns blowing, windshield wipers whipping through the snow gathering on the windshields, and more people going in and out of stores than there were just a couple of minutes ago.

It certainly is the Christmas season, I thought—the Salvation Army bell ringing, people walking by, paying no attention to the bell of the person dressed in black and red, or the pot hanging on a tripod with chains holding it. I wonder what all these people are like who breeze by me as though they are on their way to a party they are late for, and it can't get started without them?

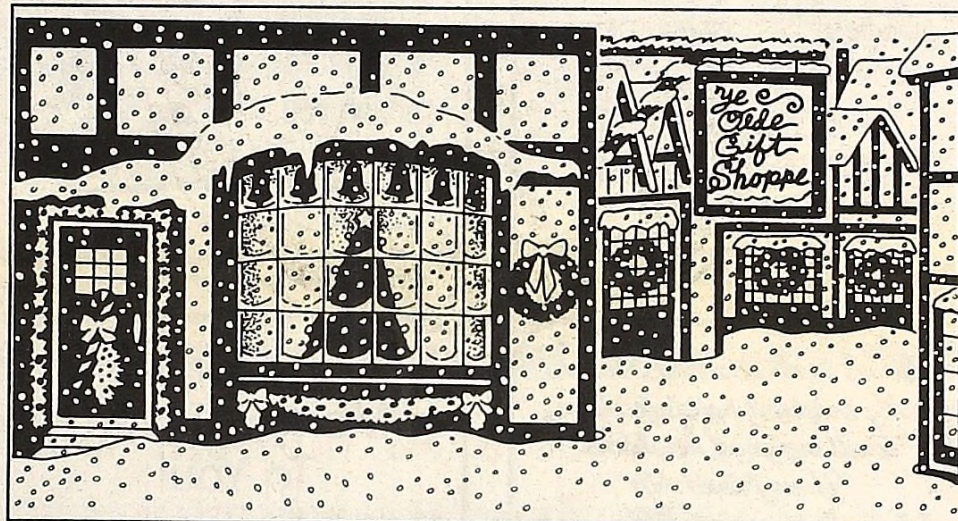
There, in front of the big plate-glass window, stood a young man and woman in their early twenties, holding hands and standing so close to each other, and looking like they are so much in love that there is no one else in the world except them.

I thought of the times when my mother and dad took me and my two brothers shopping on nights much like this; how we would laugh and sing Christmas songs, look into the much-too-big windows at all the pretty clothes, and the toy trains merrily making their way around a silver track with smoke blowing from the engine stack; and the big jolly man in the funny red and white suit, his beard hanging clear down to his lap, and laughing, saying, "Ho, Ho, Ho, and

a Merry Christmas to you from Old Saint Nick. You boys and girls be good, and I'll visit your house Christmas morning."

How silly it all seems now, now that I have grown to manhood and have become what some might consider to be wealthy. I spent a lot of hard years getting where I am now in society, and I enjoy it. I really don't know why I am even here on a chilly, snowy night. I can have someone else do anything I want them to do for me, and no questions asked.

But my mind is taken in by all that is going on around me. There is another man and woman with their children, hurrying along, the kids laughing and singing and the mother hanging on to them for dear life, afraid they will break loose and get hurt. It sure is funny how moms think. They are just little guys. No one is going to hurt them or let them get



hurt, and besides, they are really enjoying the snow blowing in their faces and sliding on the now-slippery sidewalk as they walk along.

I came closer to the old man with the cane, and something looked very familiar about him, I really didn't know what it was, but something about him really bothered me—something that made my body chill like an iceberg.

An older lady, standing by a lamp post crying, took my attention from the man with the cane. She looked well into her seventies and stood there shivering, even though she had a coat on and appeared to be warm. I walked over to her and asked her what was wrong. At first she didn't want to talk to me—after all, I was a complete stranger to her. Why should she tell me anything?

After I introduced myself to her and tried to make her feel at ease, she finally told me why she was crying.

It seems that, some twenty years ago, she had a son who was very well off. He had worked hard all his life, and became a well-known figure in the business world. She told me about how she and her husband had brought him to

this very street and looked into these same windows, and laughed and sang Christmas songs together. He became very successful—and very selfish. He had everything a man could want in life, and refused to share any of his wealth with anyone. He didn't come around the family much. She guessed it was because he was ashamed of his family. Not wanting his friends to know he was from a poor family, he felt it was better he stay away.

After her husband died, her son became even more reluctant to visit her or to help her whenever she needed it, even though she never asked him for anything.

It was on this same street that her son was Christmas shopping on a night much like tonight. He had been drinking heavily and drove himself to town to shop. He had finished his shopping and

turned into a doorway where music was coming from—music that was not of the Holiday season, but music to drink by. After all, it was getting pretty chilly outside, and a couple of drinks wouldn't hurt anyone.

One drink led to another, and pretty soon the lights started to go around the room in a most unusual manner, so I thought I had better go.

I walked out of the bar and turned right toward the stop light, with the packages I had bought just a short time ago in my hand. I noticed, out of the corner of my eye, the old man with the cane again. He was just standing there looking at me, saying nothing. Why does he bother me so much? I can't see his face, but he acts like he knows me.

A bit of fear ran through my body, but again I didn't know why. I hurried toward the light so I could get across the street to my car. The light was green; I could go now.

I stepped off the curb onto the street, then felt a sharp pain in my side, back and neck. I looked up, and there were people gathering around me. I heard someone ask who I was, but no one knew. The pain was terrible, and the headlights from the car above me seemed like the lights of a train at full throttle.

I tried to speak, but no one heard me. I looked up again and there was the old man with the cane, looking down at me. All of a sudden he was the only person I could see or hear. He looked down at me with eyes of molten steel set back in his head. I still couldn't see his face. His back was to the headlights of the car.

I asked who he was and he said, "Who I am, or who I was, is not important to you now. What was important to you, you never cared for. You never cared for your parents or your friends. All you ever cared for was yourself and your money. Your money bought you everything—everything except real happiness, the kind of happiness you could only find with your family, and sharing with others!"

The lights started dimming and the pain got worse—like my whole body was going to explode. The old man turned slightly toward the lights and took off his hat. I could still see him enough to see that he no longer had the cane, and his hair was as white as silver. I asked him again who he was. There was no other noise around me now, just the lights on his face, which got brighter and brighter. "Who are you?"

His eyes had changed from the molten steel to a soft, shimmering glow. He looked at me and softly said, "I am Alpha and Omega!" □

started across the street for his car, when a car going too fast couldn't stop for the red light he was standing near. The car hit her son and killed him. She was told about it the next day, Christmas day.

I thought to myself, This old lady must want something, money or something. Does she think she is talking to a fool? Why would this old lady be telling me something like this unless she wanted something?

I looked at her again and she looked familiar to me but I didn't know why. Why did this old lady bother me so much?

I told her that I was really sorry for her but that I didn't see how I could help her. She told me she really didn't expect anyone to help her, but she thanked me for the kindness I had shown by listening to her story. She slowly turned her aged body around and walked down the sidewalk, into the snow that was really coming down heavily now, and soon she was out of sight.

I walked past the large plate-glass window with the big, funny-looking man in the red and white suit, beard hanging down to his lap, with his Ho, Ho, Ho, and



**And on  
Earth  
Peace**



**Good Will  
Toward  
Men**

**We're extending our very best wishes to our Romulus neighbors  
for a holiday filled with good friends and cheer.**

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**Merry Christmas!**



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# Community Calendar

- **Volunteers, Donations Sought** – The Salvation Army's Westland office (located at 2300 Venoy Road) is looking for donations and/or volunteers to help meet the needs of Romulus, Wayne, and Westland residents during this holiday season. If you would like to reach out to families, youth, and senior citizens through special programs that remind people that they're loved, please contact Captain P. Mark Welsh at (313) 722-3660.
- **Send Letters to Santa** – Romulus youngsters who plan to correspond with Santa – and who would love to get a reply from the Jolly Old Elf Himself (please include return address) – should mail their letters at the special "North Pole Express" mailbox in front of the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Road, Romulus) no later than Saturday, December 17. The annual "Letters to Santa" project is sponsored by the Romulus Civic League.
- **"Toys for Tots" Drop** – Anyone wishing to contribute to the U.S. Marine Corp Reserve-sponsored Toys for Tots program can bring their donations of new, unwrapped toys to Short Stop Cards (18855 Wahrman Road, New Boston) any day between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. (drop at house if shop is not open); deadline for drop-off is Wednesday, December 21. For more information, please call Mary Pustulak at 753-3854.
- **Santa Claus at Wayne County LightFest** – Continuing through December 24, Jolly Ol' St. Nick is making nightly visits to children of all ages at Wayne County LightFest. Santa's temporary castle is at the Warrendale picnic area at the end of the LightFest, the Midwest's longest drive-through holiday light show. Photos with Santa and concession food are available. The spectacular LightFest winds along four miles of Hines Drive in the Middle Rouge Parkway. New displays donated by corporate sponsors and new tree lighting have added sparkle to this year's event. The route is open from 7 to 10 p.m. through January 1 (except December 25). Traffic enters Hines at Merriman Road in Westland (approximately 2.5 miles south of I-96) and proceeds eastbound (one-way), exiting at Warren just east of Telegraph in Dearborn Heights. A donation of \$5 per car will help raise funds to keep the parks operating and maintained. For more information, call the Wayne County Parks System: (313) 261-1990.
- **Little League Board Meeting** – The 1995 Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its board meetings, which will be held at the Romulus Recreation building on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 27. For more information, please call either Cathy (941-7612) or Julie (941-6797).
- **Firefighters' New Year's Eve Party** – Romulus Fire Stations #2 and #4 will hold their New Year's Eve Party fund raiser at Romulus Progressive Hall on Saturday, December 31, from 7 p.m. till 3 a.m. The ticket price (\$50/couple; \$30/single) covers dinner (served at 8 p.m.), beer, set-ups, champagne toast, door prizes, and music provided by Jon Ray of WHND-WCSX Radio. For tickets or more information, call either Jim (942-7195), George (721-3552), Kevin (941-1990), or the Romulus Fire Department (941-8585).
- **Please Help!** – Romulus Little League is on the brink of financial disaster. The situation is critical and parent participation is a necessity. Needed: donations, sponsors, managers, coaches, and volunteers for fund raisers. For more information, call Cathy (941-7612) or Julie (941-6797).

To place information in the Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 941-4874; or call 941-1907 or 941-3113

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## – CHURCH DIRECTORY –

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**BALL ROAD TABERNACLE** – 7007 Ball Rd. / 722-9638

**BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** – 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah Vanleuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle – Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting – 2nd Tuesday of some months – 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH** – 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH** – 30055 Ecorse Rd. / 728-1845

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** – 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m.

**BEVERLY HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH** – 34156 Beverly Rd. / 729-6440 / Dr. Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 7:30 p.m. / Thursday Prayer Service – 12 p.m. / Thursday Choir Rehearsal – 6 p.m. / Thursday Bible Study – 7:30 p.m. / Free Transportation – Call 729-6440

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** – 11338 Ozga Rd. / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** – 9426 S. Wayne Rd. / Office: 721-2585 / Phil Morr, Evangelist / Sunday Bible Study – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. / Wednesday Evening Worship – 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY** – 7201 Kempa St. / 729-2283

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**CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS MIRACLE TEMPLE** – 36949 Goddard / 941-6070

**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH** – 6200 Fourth St. / 729-0630 / 419-727-0631 / Rev. Hiram McBurrows, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m.

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** – 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / Brad Lewis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m.

**FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** – Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School – 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD** – 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night – 7 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** – 11412 Delano St. / 941-0225

**FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH** – 19101 Inkster Rd. / Brownstown / 782-1220 / Sunday Morning Worship – 10 a.m. / Adult Bible Study and Sunday School – 11:30 a.m. / Nursery available / Active Drama Team

**MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** – 6566 S. Wayne Rd. / 326-1270 / Elder Edward Thomas, Jr., Pastor / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Worship – 12:00 p.m. / Sunday Evening Y.P.W.W. – 6:30 p.m. / Prayer and Bible Study – Tuesday, 7 p.m. / Friday Worship Service – 7 p.m.

**MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** – 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting – 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 7 p.m.

**PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E.** – 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 6 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** – 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School – 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study – 6:30 p.m.

**ROMULUS FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH** – 9900 Tobine / 941-8810

**ROMULUS WESLEYAN CHURCH** – 37300 Goddard Rd. (5 Points) / 941-1511 / Rev. Donald McClellan, Pastor / 941-4167 / Enrichment Hour – 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Celebration – 6 p.m. / Family Night – Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**SAINT ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH** – 11280 Ozga Rd. / 941-5056 / Daily Mass – 9 a.m. / Weekend Masses: Saturday – 6 p.m.; Sunday – 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m. / Holy Day Masses: Vigil Mass (evening prior to Holy Day) – 7 p.m.; Holy Days – 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 7 p.m. / Confession: Saturday – 4:30 – 5 p.m.

**SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** – 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School – 9:30 p.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship – 7 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study & Youth Night – 7 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal – Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night – 7 p.m.

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** – 19109 Craig (Post Office 274), New Boston / Robert Allmann, Pastor / Sunday School & Bible Class – 9 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship – 10 a.m. / Wednesday Worship – 7:30 p.m. / Attended Nursery

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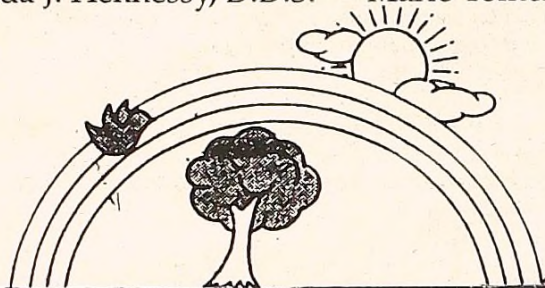
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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower; Marilyn Hoffer, Senior Citizens Coordinator for the City of Romulus; and Barbara Schultz, Romulus Senior Center staff member, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

Please note: Call 942-6852 for more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center (36515 Bibbins).

### Happy Holidays!

The many beautiful cards and holiday wishes that I've received from everyone kind enough to keep me in their thoughts have really put me in the holiday spirit. Here's wishing my wonderful friends throughout the community a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

### Closed for the Holidays

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed Friday, December 23, through Sunday, January 1, for the Christmas/New Year holidays and again on Monday, January 16, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

### Looking Ahead

Among the activities that the Senior Center has planned for January are: shopping at Southland Mall (January 6); "lunch out" (January 11); a "movie matinee" (January 13); "potluck," featuring the Center chefs' famous chili (January 17); and shopping at Westland Mall (January 27).

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center may contact Marilyn Hoffer at 942-6852.

- **Gulf Coast** – Discover Biloxi, Mississippi, and New Orleans, Louisiana, on this seven-day excursion to the Gulf Coast. The \$549 cost of the trip (based on double-occupancy rates), which departs March 12, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; six nights' accommodations; nine meals; a guided tour of New Orleans (including the French Quarter, the Garden District, Jackson Square, the above-ground cemeteries, and the Superdome); a guided tour of Mississippi's Gulf Coast (including the Walter Anderson Museum of Art and the Seafood Industry Museum); three nights of casino gambling, each in a different venue; admission to Beauvoir, the seaside estate of the only President of the Confederate States of America, Jefferson Davis; a tour of Stennis Space Center; and more!

### • Gambling on the Mississippi –

Enjoy casino gambling riverboat-style! The \$159 cost (based on double-occupancy rates) of this three-day trip, which departs March 13, includes round-trip motorcoach transportation; two nights' lodging at Jumer's Castle; lunch, dinner, and gambling on the *Mississippi Belle II*; dinner and gambling on Jumer's Casino Rock Island; a tour of Arsenal Island; and more.

### Tax Service To Begin in February

The Romulus Senior Center would like to remind local seniors that, beginning in February, volunteers will be available one day per week to assist Romulus seniors with the preparation of their Federal and State 1040, home heating, prescription, and property-tax forms. A list of those materials which must be brought to the Center will be provided at the time of registration. More information will be available after the first of the year.

### Free Blood-pressure Screening

Romulus seniors can have their blood pressure checked by Community Emergency Medical Service (CEMS), free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on the first Monday (second Monday if the first falls on a holiday) of every month from 1 to 2 p.m. No appointment necessary.

### Weekly Programs

The Romulus Senior Center has a full schedule of weekly programs for senior citizens' enjoyment. Come in for ceramics (Mondays at 1 and 6 p.m.); Club #1 meetings (Tuesdays at 11 a.m.); pinochle (Tuesdays at 1 p.m.); BINGO (Wednesdays at 1 p.m.); knitting, crocheting, and canvas needlepoint (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.); euchre (Thursdays at 1 p.m.); and quilting (Thursdays at 7 p.m.). (Note: programs will not meet during the week of December 26–30.)

### FOCUS: HOPE for Seniors

Senior citizens age 60 and over can apply for FOCUS: HOPE benefits at the Romulus distribution site (Family & Neighborhood Services) if their income does not exceed \$797 per month (one person)/\$1,066 per month (two persons). For more information, or to apply, please call Pam St. Clair at 782-9800.

### Hot Lunch

For only \$1.50, Romulus senior citizens (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Romulus Senior Center every weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call Pat (942-6852) at least 24 hours in advance for a reservation. (For information on home delivery, call 1-800-851-1454.) □

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# October's "Students of the Month" Honored at RHS, RMS

By Daniel Hurst, principal, Romulus Middle School

Teachers selected a total of 64 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for October's "Student of the Month" honors because of the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance during that time period. Students attending a November 15, 1994 ceremony recognizing their achievement received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following students for their efforts: Henry Alexander, Anja Anderson, Charlene Belcher, April Bostain, Brad Bowman, Jason Britt, Shylah Broom, Daniel Bussard, Aishia Butler, Gary Carpenter, Patrick Cecil, Roy Chambers, Carrie Chandler, Erin Conway, Raphael Crawford, Andrew Czaja, Takeisha Daniels, Ryan Daw, Autumn Debus, Tyra Donald, Amy Elliott, Melissa Evans, Chaz Fikes, Danielle Franklin, Robert Garner, Chad Green, Travis Hall, Jena Harris, Steven Hatfield, Bria Henderson-Davis, Shannon Herauf, Jennifer Hoffman, Moriah Holbrook, Ruben Holt-Ortega, Edward Horton, Tyrone Jones, Tiffany Kerekes, Mamie Kesner, Ghazala Khan, Beth King, Starnetta Kitchen, KaraJo Kraft, Bettina Kreimer, Nicole Laskaska, Rachel Laskaska, Jaime Luczak, Marie Madison, Charles Makowski, Jessica Marz, Kellie Massey, Jeremy Matthews, Carleton McCauley, Kimberly Mientkiewicz, Steven Mientkiewicz, Kimberly Minner, Mary Moore, Nicolle Moue, Jilliane Oller, Angela Parks, Andre Parson, Shirlee Parsons, Kenea Perez, Charise Phillips, Sarah Poletti, David Powell, Erica Reed, Scott Smith, Eric Staten, Brian Steffani, Rebecca Swain, Jerome Tabb, Willie Tapplar, Melanie Tomchick, Elishia Tromblay, Jennifer Villarreal, Michelle Walton, Falencia Ward, Johnathan Webb, Craig Welko, Damond Williams, Megan Wilson, Eddie Woods, and Janet Ziemczyk.

I would also like to thank the following sponsors for being our partners in education in this worthy program: B & E Machine Products; Belleville Die Shop; Bill Jones Enterprises, Inc.; Burlington Air Express; Chem/Central Detroit; Crova GMC Trucks; Daly Restaurant; Detroit Air Transit; Edgewood Tool & Mfg.; Mrs. Viveren El; Environ, Inc.; Form Flow, Inc.; Gandol; G.M. Powertrain; Graduate Services; H & J Manufacturing; Header Products; Rhonda Hennessy, D.D.S.; Mrs. Evelyn Hope-well; Horizon Enterprises; Dale Kennedy and Sons; Kevin's Painting & Drywall; Mr. Lance Knudson; Landing Strip Lounge; Lasting Images; Lear Seating Corp.; Mayor Beverly McAnally; McDonald's restaurant; Omnicom Cablevision; Precision Hardware; Romulus Adolescent Health Center; Romulus Athletic Department; Romulus Auto Supply; Romulus Central Office; Romulus Progressive Club; Kundan Sata, D.D.S.; Saw & Specialty Corporation; Sigma Tau; St. Lawrence, Inc.; Stears True Value Hardware; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Trans-Overseas Corp.; United Brass Manufacturers; VFW Post 9568 and Auxiliary; Mr. Tom Williams; and Windiate Hardware. □

## WANTED

Romulus Recreation Department is looking for coaches/supervisors for its Saturday basketball program, which meets Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a local elementary school. Some basketball knowledge and ability to work with youngsters required.

For application information, contact the City of Romulus Personnel Office by calling Marilyn Radford at 942-7512.

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### REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 28, 1994

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, November 28, 1994 was called to order by President Sandra F. Langley at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all members present. All administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Sandra F. Langley.

#### Approval of Agenda:

11/94/11 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

11/94/12 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Minutes of November 14, 1994 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Mr. Joel R. Carr notified the Board that Mr. Ron Nash has resigned from the Finance Committee.

11/94/13 Moved by Kesner supported by Hoffman to accept the resignation of Mr. Ron Nash from the District Finance Committee. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board of Education responded to questions and concerns presented to them by various members of the audience.

#### Report of the Superintendent:

##### Personnel Actions

11/94/14 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman to accept the resignation of Alice Gilbert as recommended by Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

11/94/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to employ Mr. James Woods as a probationary teacher as recommended by Terrel M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Bills for Payment

11/94/16 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Update on Legal Mandates

Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne apprised the Board of Education on the above to keep them abreast of significant reporting obligations and to reassure them that we are in full compliance with all state mandates.

##### Auditor's Report

11/94/17 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Hoffman to re-adopt the 1994-1995 budget based on the financial report given by Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel.

11/94/18 Moved by Kesner supported by Patterson to table the above motion pending additional information. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Lansing Report - Enhancement Millage

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the meeting that he and Mr. Joel Carr attended of the State House Taxation Committee last week concerning our enhancement millage. He stated that they will keep the Board apprised of the attached bills as introduced in the House and Senate.

##### Screen Wall for Halecreek Chilliers

11/94/19 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Hoffman to accept the recommendation of Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and extend the R. J. Perry contract to construct a screen wall for the Halecreek chilliers. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, discussed the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) Article - MASA on Private Schools; 2) "Thank you" - Recreation Department; 3) Dolan - Proficiency Test Meeting; 4) K. Hurst Report - "Make a Difference," and 5) Siders - RR Counts.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mr. Howard J. Kesner informed the Board of Education that Mr. Richard Szente expressed desire to remain on the Policy Committee.

Mrs. Julie Oleszkowicz asked questions regarding the testing policy. Dr. Terrel M. LeCesne responded.

Mr. Kenneth E. Berlinn remarked about the broken windows at Merriman.

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley, President, asked for volunteers to sit on the Gifted Committee. The following members expressed a desire to be a part of that committee: Mrs. Julie A. Oleszkowicz, Mr. Debra A. Hoffman, and Mrs. Sandra F. Langley.

Mrs. Sandra F. Langley, President, suggested that we prepare a five-year improvement plan. She also stated that there were problems with recreation at Barth. Mr. Joel R. Carr responded to her questions.

##### Executive Session - Negotiations

11/94/20 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Patterson to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:42 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:23 P.M.

##### Adjournment:

11/94/21 Moved by Kesner supported by Hoffman that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary  
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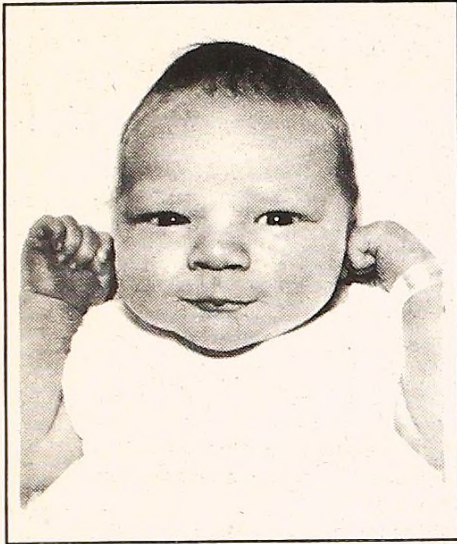
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## Tyler William Farnan



Sean and Raynee Farnan of Flat Rock, Michigan, are proud to announce their firstborn child, Tyler William.

Tyler was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 3:46 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, 1994. At birth, he weighed nine pounds, one ounce, and was 20<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches long.

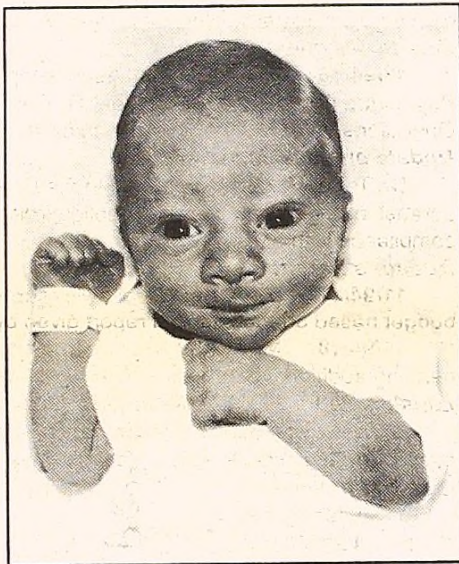
Tyler's grandparents are Carmen and Nancy Talento (Romulus, MI) and William and Sandi Benedict (New Boston, MI). His great-grandparents are Robert and Louise Skelton (Collinwood, TN) and Marion Whitt (Lincoln Park, MI). He also has two great-great-grandmothers: Isabel Granger (Clearwater, FL) and Pearl Horton (Collinwood, TN).

## Kyle Jamison Morgan

Kyle Jamison Morgan was born the first child of Eddie Morgan Jr. and Tammy Lynn Pooley of 30523 Leroy in Romulus, Michigan, at 1:29 p.m. on November 27, 1994, at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne, Michigan.

The infant, with his blondish-red hair and big blue eyes, made his debut weighing in at six pounds, six ounces, and measuring 19<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inches.

Kyle's proud grandparents are Randy and Barbara Pooley and Eddie Morgan and Wanda Hale (all of Romulus, MI). □



## Saturday Basketball Clinics

The Romulus Recreation Department will offer Saturday basketball clinics for students in grades three through six beginning January 14, 1995. Emphasis will be placed on basic instruction, skill-building, and sportsmanship. Sessions will be held at either Wick or Merriman School according to the following schedule: third- to sixth-grade girls, 9 to 11 a.m.; third- and fourth-grade boys, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; fifth- and sixth-grade boys, 2 to 4 p.m. Cost of the 13-week program is \$20. A signed parental permission slip must be turned in. Register at the Recreation office prior to January 9, 1995. □

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## Obituaries

### Henry A. Barnes

Henry A. Barnes of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, December 7, 1994. He was 37 years old.

A product specialist for Sun Oil Company and a Romulus Fire Department volunteer, Henry was born in Detroit, Michigan, on July 8, 1957. He and his wife, Lisa Michele (Vernatt) Barnes, were married in Westland, Michigan, on November 21, 1987.

Henry is survived by his wife; sons Russell S. and Henry "Ryan" Barnes (both of Romulus, MI); daughters Kenya and Keysha (Inkster, MI); brothers

James (Inkster, MI), Walter (Inkster, MI), Joseph (Washington, D.C.), and Robert (Inkster, MI); sisters Tammy and Mary Kay (Inkster, MI); his wife's parents, Thomas and Gayle Vernatt (Belleville, MI); and a young lady who had a special place in his heart, Tiffany Vernatt.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Donald "Mike" McClellan (Romulus Wesleyan Church) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be made to Romulus Fire Station #2.

### Helena Marie Maciejewski Ford

Helena Marie Maciejewski Ford - a 77-year resident of Romulus, Michigan - died on Thursday, December 8, 1994, at the age of 83.

Born in Detroit, Michigan, on February 24, 1911, Helena worked most of her life as a homemaker except for a brief time during World War II, when she was employed at the GM Willow Run "bomber" plant. Before her last few years of illness, she enjoyed going down to the 34th District Court in Romulus to "trial watch," and also participated in the City's Senior Citizens activities.

Helena, whose last wish was to tell everyone that she loved them, was the "beautiful and precious Polish mother" of Dolores Fay Nowlin (Romulus, MI), and the sister of Walter Maciejewski (Romulus, MI) and Mrs. Frances (Norma) Fay (Ecorse, MI).

A funeral mass was held on Monday, December 12, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal officiating. Entombment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI). Arrangements made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

### Quentin M. Greca

Quentin M. Greca of Flat Rock, Michigan, died on Wednesday, December 7, 1994. He was 71 years old.

Quentin, a former engineer who had been active in the Flat Rock VFW, the Lake City American Legion, and the Wyandotte Purple Heart, was born in Sumpter Township, Michigan, on August 22, 1923. He and wife Helen A. Marvisin married on April 18, 1959.

Surviving Quentin are his wife; stepsons Sheldon L. Jr. (Romulus, MI), Norman L. (Belleville, MI), and Edward L. Chandler (Romulus, MI); stepdaughter Mrs. Raymond (Marilyn) Sacker

(Fowlerville, MI); brothers William (Detroit, MI) and Phillip Greca (Virginia); sisters Mrs. Walter (Joanne) Key (Paradise, CA), Mrs. Richard (Maureen) Lamoli (New York), Mrs. James (Sherry) Burkhouse (Texas), Mrs. Larry (Jeanette) Ruggiero (S. Dakota), Mrs. Richard (Mary) Locke (Belleville, MI); 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Father Alexander Wyrwal (St. Stephen Catholic Church, New Boston, MI) officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. □



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